

United States Senate

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for contacting me concerning a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It is my pleasure to provide you with all the information required to apply for my nomination.

Making nominations to the Service Academies is one of my most important responsibilities as a United States Senator. I trust you are applying for one of these nominations because it is your wish and desire to be a career officer in the United States Armed Forces or an individual dedicated to serving the interests of our nation as a Merchant Mariner. I am very proud of my nominees and their commitment to our country.

1. Minimum Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic criteria in order to be considered for my nomination:

- You must be a citizen of the United States and domiciled in Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home. You are domiciled in Maryland if your parent, legal guardian or if you vote in and file state income tax returns in Maryland.
- Applicants to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies must never have been married nor have any dependents
- You must be at least 17 years of age, but not older than 23 years of age by July 1, 2006 to apply to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies. For the Merchant Marine Academy, you must be at least 17 years of age and not have passed your 25th birthday on July 1, 2006.

2. How are Nominees Selected?

- Service Academies make the final decision on appointments.

Admission to the Academies is determined by each Academy. In addition to seeking my nomination, you must contact the Admissions Officer at each Academy directly to initiate a pre-candidate file. All applicants who fully complete my application requirements will be interviewed by my Service Academy review board. This distinguished group of Marylanders makes recommendations for my nominations. No applicant will receive an interview with my board unless a file is open at the Service Academies stated in this application.

3. Facts and Figures

- Last year over 600 students opened an application folder in my office and 250 students were interviewed.
- Over 65% of students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.
- 20% listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.
- 12% listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.
- 3% listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

As you can see from the above statistics, it is to your distinct advantage to apply to more than one Academy.

4. Completing the application

There are two parts to this application and you must complete both by October 28th, 2005.

❖ Packet A: Student Information

- This packet includes:
 - Contact information
 - Essay Questions
 - Activities/Athletic Questionnaire
- This can be filled out online, saved, and emailed to:
academy@mikulski.senate.gov
- Packet A can also be printed and submitted in hard copy with Packet B and all other materials. Please do not send your application in pieces.

❖ Packet B: Forms requiring signature

- This Packet includes:
 - Applicant Contract – to be signed by applicant
 - Affidavit of Domicile – to be signed by parent
 - Principal/Guidance Counselor form – to be signed by Principal or Guidance Counselor and attached to Official Transcript, which must be sent directly from your school.
- You will also need three signed letters of recommendation from
 - One from a math teacher
 - One from a science teacher
 - One from an adult non-family member
- **If you elect not to send the application via email, the entire contents of both Packets should be submitted at the same time to the following address:**

Justin Hayes
The Office of Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
60 West St – Suite 202
Annapolis, MD 21401-2448
410-263-1016

You will be contacted by my office only once to remind you of any outstanding materials.

2005 Application for Nomination to a Service Academy

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
60 West Street, Suite 202
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Contact Information

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

DOB: _____ SSN: _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S DAYTIME PHONE: _____

LOCAL NEWSPAPER: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL PHONE: _____

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL, PLEASE NAME THE SCHOOL:

IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR A SERVICE ACADEMY, WHICH ACADEMIC AREA WILL YOU PURSUE? _____

ACADEMY PREFERENCE (PLEASE USE THESE CODES - USAFA, USMMA, USMA, USNA)

_____ 1ST CHOICE

_____ 3RD CHOICE

_____ 2ND CHOICE

_____ 4TH CHOICE

INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCES WILL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT MY CONSIDERATION OF YOUR FIRST CHOICE; IT WILL, HOWEVER, INCREASE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR A SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION.

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN AN HONOR VIOLATION, PLACED ON SCHOOL PROBATION OR DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH A SCHOOL STATEMENT DETAILING THE RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.

2. WHAT EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE HAVE PREPARED YOU FOR THE RIGORS AND DEMANDS OF LIFE AT AN ACADEMY?

Answers must fit in the space provided.

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ESSAY QUESTIONS (CONT.)

3. WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?

4. ESSAY: In 250 words or less, WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY. THIS ESSAY SHOULD NOT BE A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

You may use additional paper for question # 4 only. Please make sure to put your name on each additional page.

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ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Please mark the appropriate years that you have participated in an extra-curricular or physical activity in the space provided next to it.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	Pre-9	9	10	11	12	In the space provided below, please list honors, prizes, or awards you have received in their order of importance to you:
President of Class	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Class Office:						
_____	—	—	—	—	—	_____ Eagle Scout/Gold Award
President of Student Govt.	—	—	—	—	—	_____ National Honor Society
Other Student Govt Office:	—	—	—	—	—	_____ Who's Who or Distinguished High School Student

Boy Scout/Girl Scout	—	—	—	—	—	OTHER AWARDS
Boy's/Girl's State	—	—	—	—	—	
Boy's/Girl's/Nation	—	—	—	—	—	
Chess Team	—	—	—	—	—	
Civil Air Patrol	—	—	—	—	—	
Computer Club	—	—	—	—	—	
Debate	—	—	—	—	—	
Explorer's Club	—	—	—	—	—	
It's Academic	—	—	—	—	—	
Junior Achievement	—	—	—	—	—	

WORK EXPERIENCE

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (Organized school activities only. Indicate number of years of participation.)									
	V=Varsity JV=Junior Varsity C= Captain			Tennis			After School/Weekend		
	V	JV	C	Track-Cross Country	Track-Indoor	Track-Outdoor	Position:	Year	
Archery	—	—	—	—	—	—	Employer:	—	
Baseball-Spring	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hours Worked per Week:	—	
Baseball-Summer	—	—	—	—	—	—	Summer	—	
Basketball	—	—	—	—	—	—	Position:	—	
Cheer Leading	—	—	—	—	—	—	Employer:	—	
Cycling	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hours Worked per Week:	—	
Equestrian	—	—	—	INTRAMURAL PARTICIPATION (Indicate sport & number of years of participation in each sport):					—
Fencing	—	—	—	—	—	—	Position:	—	
Field Hockey	—	—	—	—	—	—	Employer:	—	
Football	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hours Worked per Week:	—	
Golf	—	—	—	—	—	—	Summer	—	
Gymnastics	—	—	—	—	—	—	Position:	—	
Ice Hockey	—	—	—	—	—	—	Employer:	—	
Lacrosse	—	—	—	—	—	—	Hours Worked per Week:	—	
Martial Arts	—	—	—	—	—	—	If no work experience, please explain:		
Rifle/Pistol Team	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Soccer	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Softball	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Swimming	—	—	—	—	—	—			

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APPLICANT CONTRACT

This form is to be completed by the applicant.

As the applicant, I am responsible for the content and deadline of this application.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete. I will notify Senator Mikulski promptly if there is any change in any aspect of this application.

No final action will be taken on my application until all required information is received.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED
NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF DOMICILE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking my nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is domiciled in the State of Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home for legal purposes.

I, _____, being of lawful age (18) and a resident of

(city/county)

Maryland, do on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1. That I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of _____, a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the said individual is either my son/daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our/my domicile is

(address, including city or town and state)

2. This is in evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

I am registered as a voter in _____
(City, County and State)

And

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of _____.

Signature

Date

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PRINCIPAL/GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OFFICIAL FORM

This form must be completed by either your High School Principal, High School Guidance Counselor or High School Registrar.

Please attach to this form the transcript of the final junior grades, or final senior grades if graduated.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE: _____

APPLICANT'S YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____
4.0 SCALE (must be provided) weighted scale (reference only)

Students must request that the SAT Board scores be sent directly to my office from the College Testing Board 609-771-7600 my Code is, #0229.

SATs listed on your transcripts are not acceptable.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE : _____

TITLE: _____

Name: _____
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CHECKLIST

This page is for your personal reference only. You may keep this page.

Have you sent?

- _____ Applicant Contract
- _____ Signed Affidavit of Domicile
- _____ Signed letters of Recommendation
 - _____ Math teacher
 - _____ Science teacher
 - _____ Personal
- _____ Extra-curricular and athletic
- _____ Official transcripts from high school or college
- _____ Official SAT Scores from the College Testing Board - (SAT scores printed on your transcripts are not acceptable)

If your application is complete and you have an open file with the service academies of your choice, then you will be scheduled for an interview with my Service Academy Review Board. You will be notified of the date and time of your interview in writing.

US Military Academy
Director of Admissions
600 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy
Dean of Admissions
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977
www.nad.navy.mil

US Air Force Academy
HQ USAA/RRS
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901
www.usafa.af.mil

US Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NJ 11024-1699
www.usmma.edu

Helpful Hint !!!

Consider the United States Coast Guard Academy! The Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. To obtain an application, contact:

Director of Admissions
US Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Ave.
New London, Connecticut 06320-4195
1-800-883-8724

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2005 in order to be considered for the class entering in July 2006.